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CENTURIES-OLD BROOKLYN FARM REVITALIZED, PERMANENTLY PROTECTED FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

The history-rich Barrett Hill Farm in Brooklyn last week became the latest Connecticut farm, and the 15th this fiscal year, to be permanently protected under the Dept. of Agriculture's Farmland Preservation Program.

Worked for more than 250 years, the 50-acre farm has been owned since the early 1990s by Joel Rosenberg and Beverly Burke, who now plan to lease it for agricultural production.

They have restored a portion of the property for growing hay cut by a nearby farmer and have planted roughly 70 fruit and nut trees, including apple, peach and Chinese chestnuts.

The following text and photographs are part of a presentation made by Rosenberg and Burke through the application process for the program:

Twenty five years ago an independent land preservation effort took place in Brooklyn well below the radar of the public eye.

A key parcel of land on Barrett Hill Road was purchased privately to save the property from being developed. In the last two-plus decades the property owners have quietly worked with private and public land use experts exploring all available sources to permanently protect this property known as Barrett Hill Farm.

In the spring of 2012 the owners of Barrett Hill Farm

learned from town officials about a new initiative within the Connecticut Department of Agriculture called the Community Farms Preservation Program.

This pilot program was designed to specifically preserve and protect smaller parcels of agricultural land by expanding the inventory of tracts in Connecticut that can contribute to the agricultural food chain.

Efforts to preserve Barrett Hill Farm actually began in 1990 when there was the imminent threat that this property would be developed.

A major development in the early 1990s was proposed for both the eastern and western sides of Barrett Hill Road, part of which was to have been a 19-lot subdivision on what is known today as Barrett Hill Farm.

Just as plans for this development were being finalized, a study ordered by the Town was conducted to evaluate the impact of the proposed development on this property and the town itself. The report was titled "Barrett Hill Development" and detailed the history of this property as once being part of an early settlement in an area of Brooklyn known as the Mortlake Manor District.

An excerpt from this document stated: *"this property has been left undisturbed and was most recently used as a dairy farm through the 1950s. For the next twenty-five*

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LANCASTER, PA., LIVESTOCK SUMMARY

Avg. Dressing

	LOW	HIGH
SLAUGHTER COWS Avg. Dressing		
breakers 75-80% lean	71.00	76.00
boners 80-85% lean	72.00	76.50
lean 88-90% lean	67.00	73.00
SLAUGHTER STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	121.00	124.50
Choice 2-3	120.00	123.00
Sel 1-2	115.00	120.00
SLAUGHTER HOLSTEIN STEERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.00	120.50
Ch 2-3	111.00	116.00
Sel 1-2	103.50	109.00
SLAUGHTER HEIFERS		
Hi Ch/Prime 3-4	117.00	123.50
Ch 2-3	112.00	122.00
Select 2-3	114.50	114.50
CALVES - Graded bull		
No 1 94-128 lbs	180.00	190.00
No 1 90-92 lbs	170.00	170.00
SLAUGHTER LAMBS: Woolled & Shorn		
Markets: Choice and Prime 2-3		
40-50 lbs	265.00	265.00
50-60 lbs	242.00	245.00
60-70 lbs	235.00	250.00
70-80 lbs	220.00	232.00
80-90 lbs	220.00	230.00
90-110 lbs	210.00	217.00
110-130 lbs	207.00	217.00
SLAUGHTER EWES: Good 2-3		
120-160 lbs	87.00	95.00
160-200 lbs	85.00	94.00
200-300 lbs	80.00	80.00
BUCKS		
160-200 lbs	75.00	110.00
200-300 lbs	72.00	72.00
SLAUGHTER KIDS: Select 1, by head, est.		
20-40 lbs	150.00	155.00
40-60 lbs	190.00	220.00
60-80 lbs	220.00	260.00
100-120 lbs	270.00	295.00
120-140 lbs	260.00	260.00
SLAUGHTER NANNIES/DOES:		
Sel 1, by head, est.		
80-130 lbs	210.00	235.00
130-180 lbs	210.00	265.00
SLAUGHTER BUCKS/BILLIES: Select 1		
100-150 lbs	290.00	330.00
150-250 lbs	330.00	370.00

NEW HOLLAND, PA. HOG AUCTION

Per cwt.

52-56	250-300 lbs	50.00	55.00
	300-350 lbs	42.00	45.00
48-52	250-300 lbs	45.00	50.00
	400-500 lbs	23.00	26.50
Sows, US 1-3			
	450-550 lbs	46.50	51.50

USDA RETAIL LAMB

Per lb.

SHOULDER ROAST	7.99	7.99
SHOULDER CHOP	4.99	6.99
BREAST	2.89	3.99
RIB CHOPS	19.99	19.99
LOIN CHOPS	3.99	12.99
BNLS LEG	6.99	7.99

WHOLESALE FRUITS & VEGETABLES

Boston Terminal and Wholesale Grower Prices

LOW HIGH

SHIPPED IN

BLACKBERRY, ORG, 12-5.6-6OZ	27.00	27.00
BLUEBERRY, ORG, 12-6OZ	28.00	28.00
MESCULIN MIX, ORG, 3 LBS	8.00	8.00
STRAWBERRIES, ORG, 8-1LB	19.00	22.00

USDA WEEKLY RETAIL REPORT

APPLES, FUJI, PER LB	1.99	1.99
APPLES, GALA, 5 LB	4.99	4.99
ASPARAGUS, GREEN, LB	2.49	3.99
BEANS, GREEN, PER LB	.69	1.99
BEETS, RED, ORG, BUNCH	1.99	2.50
BLACKBRY, ORG, 5.6-6 OZ	2.50	3.99
BLUEBERRIES, 1 PT	1.27	3.99
BLUEBERRIES, 18 OZ	3.99	4.99
BROCCOLI, BUNCH	1.47	2.00
BROCCOLI, ORG, PER BUNCH	2.99	2.99
BRUSSELS SPROUTS, PER LB	2.49	2.99
BROCCOLI, CROWN CUT, LB	1.29	1.99
CABBAGE, GREEN, LB	.47	.67
CARROTS, 2 LB	1.67	1.67
CARROTS, ORG, 1 LB	.99	1.99
CAULIFLOWER, EA	2.97	3.49
CAULIFLOWER, ORG, EA	2.99	3.49
CHERRIES, RED, PER LB	2.99	6.99
COLLARDS, PER BUNCH	1.69	1.69
COLLARDS, PER LB	.98	1.27
CORN, SWEET, EA	.15	1.66
CORN, SWEET, ORG, EACH	1.25	1.25
CUCUMBERS, EA	.33	1.25
CUKES, LONG, GHSE, EACH	.99	2.00
EGGPLANT, PER LB	.69	1.69
GRAPES, BLACK SDLS, PER LB	2.99	2.99
GRAPES, RED GLOBE, PER LB	2.99	2.99
GRAPES, RED SDLS, PER LB	2.99	3.99
KALE, PER BUNCH	.99	1.69
KALE, PER LB	.99	1.27
LETTUCE, BOSTON, EA	.99	1.69
LETTUCE, BOSTON, GHSE, EA	2.50	2.50
LETTUCE, GREEN LEAF, LB	1.29	1.99
LETTUCE, GREEN LEAF, EA	1.47	1.49
LETTUCE, RED LEAF, LB	1.29	1.99
LETTUCE, RED LEAF, ORG, LB	2.49	2.49
ONIONS, YELLOW, 3 LBS	1.49	2.50
ONIONS, YELLOW, LB	.50	1.29
ONIONS, YELLOW SWEET, 2LB	.69	.69
POTATOES, ROUND RED, LB	.77	1.29
POTATOES, RUSSET, 5 LBS	1.97	3.49
POTATOES, YELLOW, LB	.77	.99
RASPBERRY, RED, 6 OZ	2.50	3.97
RASPBERRY, RED, ORG, 6 OZ	2.99	4.99
SPINACH, BUNCH	1.29	2.99
SQUASH, YELLOW, LB	.69	1.79
SQUASH, YELLOW, ORG, LB	2.99	2.99
SQUASH, ZUCCHINI, LB	.69	1.79
STRAWBERRIES, 1 LB	1.50	3.00
STRAWBERRIES, 2 LB	3.88	7.99
SWEET POTATOES, LB	.99	1.29
TOMATOES, LB	.59	2.99
TOMATO, ONVINE, GHS, LB	.99	1.99
TOMATOES, CHERRY, 1 PT	2.00	2.79
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 1 PT	1.49	2.49
TOMATOES, GRAPE, 10 OZ	1.99	2.99
TOMATOES, PLUM, ORG, LB	1.49	1.49

MIDDLESEX LIVESTOCK AUCTION

Middlefield, CT - May 30, 2016

	LOW	HIGH
Bob Calves:		
45-60 lbs.	60.00	65.00
61-75 lbs.	95.00	125.00
76-90 lbs.	150.00	152.50
91-105 lbs.	155.00	157.50
106 lbs. & up	160.00	162.50
Farm Calves	165.00	170.00
Starter Calves	50.00	55.00
Veal Calves	100.00	180.00
Open Heifers	105.00	110.00
Beef Heifers	80.00	95.00
Feeder Steers	110.00	127.50
Beef Steers	95.00	101.00
Stock Bulls	120.00	137.50
Beef Bulls	85.00	130.00
Replacement Cows	n/a	n/a
Replacement Heifers	n/a	n/a
Boars	n/a	n/a
Sows	n/a	n/a
Butcher Hogs	34.00	36.00
Feeder Pigs each	40.00	90.00
Sheep each	65.00	190.00
Lambs each	40.00	200.00
Goats each	100.00	270.00
Kid Goats each	35.00	100.00
Canners	up to	75.00
Cutters	76.00	79.00
Utility Grade Cows	80.00	83.00
Rabbits each	3.00	35.00
Chickens each	4.00	22.00
Ducks each	5.00	19.00

NORTHEAST EGGS/USDA

Per doz. Grade A and Grade A white in cartons to retailers (volume buyers)

XTRA LARGE	.44	.58
LARGE	.38	.52
MEDIUM	.32	.45

NEW ENGLAND SHELL EGGS

Per doz. Grade A brown in carton delivered store door. (Range)

XTRA LARGE	.94	1.19
LARGE	.86	1.05
MEDIUM	.50	.59
SMALL	.47	.56

USDA NATIONAL RETAIL BEEF

Per pound

BEEF PATTIES	2.99	7.99
BEEF SHORT RIBS	3.49	4.99
NY STRIP STEAK	5.77	12.99
BNLS RIBEYE STEAK	7.99	15.99
BNLS SIRLOIN STEAK	4.77	7.99
B/I/N RIBEYE STEAK	7.97	15.99
CHUCK ROAST	2.49	4.99
CHUCK STEAK	2.49	5.99
FILET MIGNON	11.99	15.99
FLAT IRON STEAK	5.99	5.99
GROUND BEEF 80-89%	2.99	6.99
GROUND BEEF 70-79%	1.99	1.99
LONDON BROIL	2.99	6.99
SIRLOIN STEAK, BNLS	4.99	4.99
SKIRT STEAK	9.49	12.99
STEW MEAT	4.99	5.49
TENDERLOIN	10.99	10.99

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50-R. Ford 101 2 bottom breakaway plow. \$400.00. MF 2 row planter with fertilizer hopper. Multiple seed discs. \$600.00. JD 48" plastic layer. \$500.00 O.B.O. East Killingly. Call 860-779-2107.

54-R. 9 foot spring tooth harrow. \$175.00. 3ph 2 row cultivators. \$250.00. Old silage chopper and blower, belt driven, steel wheels. \$125.00. Three 5 foot stainless steel troughs, good for water or feed. \$100.00 each. 860-237-1107.

55-R. Used 12' pressure treated fence posts. Quantity pricing. Call or text 860-559-3009 or 860-888-3798.

62-R. RYE STRAW, clean and bright. Stored inside. Round and square bales. 860-355-1264.

63-R. Produce wash line, 5 foot table, 24" line – wash, grade and pack. Currently stored. \$3,000.00 for a quick sale. 860-619-8030 leave message or mortensen23@aol.com.

64-R. For Sale: About 100 tons of corn silage, 2015 crop. First \$2,500.00 owns it. Loading available. Call 860-324-1602. Ask for Leonard.

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66. JD MT mower, side delivery rake, tedder, PTO pulley, ground plow, snow plow. Two NH balers #66, parts. 860-617-4002.

WANTED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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the property remained dormant, until the fields were once again used for pasture and hay production beginning in the mid-1970s."

For 250 years a dozen families worked the soil of this property. Today the fields on the farm are back in hay production following a long period of restoration work on the four original hay fields. The Woodhill Farm in Hampton now manages the fields.

The process to bring the fields from being idle back into production took years. The restoration of the fields involved the removal of acres worth of invasive plants.

The removal of invasive plant species focused primarily on multiflora rose and autumn olive as well as honeysuckle along walls and the field edges.

Other restoration efforts over the years have focused on rebuilding sections of stone walls that traverse the property. More recently riparian ways have been created with the planting of fruit and nut seedlings and seasonal mowing along slopes and edges of the property to help create buffers between the fields and streams.

Other areas of the property have been restored by creating areas for nesting, bedding and forage for wildlife as recommended by the NRCS field offices in Killingly.

One recent report from the NRCS Natural Resources Conservation Service noted that the property provides an ideal habitat for woodcocks and cottontail, among other species of wildlife.

Barrett Hill Farm sits in the middle of two existing protected land parcels – the Wolf Den Land Trust's White Brook (Townsend) Sanctuary to the northeast and to the southeast is the Putnam Elms.

Permanently protecting the farm through the Community Farms Preservation Program will create and protect a unique and significant conservation greenway consisting of several hundred acres.

The 1990 Barrett Hill Development report was written by representatives from DEP, the State Archeologist, the USDA Soil Conservation District, and a state geologist.

As mentioned at the onset of this report, for twenty five years the current owners of Barrett Hill Farm have viewed our role as stewards of this historic property in Brooklyn.

It was always our hope to see this conservation effort fulfilled by selling the development rights to permanently protect this land for future generations.

All that could have been done on our part to keep this property from being developed has been done.

"It is very gratifying to work with farm owners like Joel and Beverly who are so deeply committed to keeping their land in agriculture forever," Agriculture Commissioner Steven K. Reviczky said. "These working lands are invaluable resources for future generations, and the farm families that protect them are creating a legacy of which they can be proud."



Clockwise from above: some of the stone walls built on Barrett Hill Farm in the 1700s; an aerial view showing the farm at top left. To the northeast is the Wolf Den Land Trust's White Brook (Townsend) Sanctuary and to the southeast is the Putnam Elms; one of the farm's hayfields, another of which is shown on Page 1.



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